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SUBJECT: CSCE: FURTHER NATO WORK IN PREPARATION FOR
BELGRADE

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SUMMARY: AT MAY 20 MEETING, POLADS REACHED TENTATIVE
AGREEMENT THAT ALLIES, IN ADDITION TO PREPARING PAPER ON
ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF MAIN BELGRADE MEETING, WOULD
ALSO DRAFT PAPERS ON THEMES, NEW PROPOSALS, AND REBUTTAL
OF EASTERN CRITICISMS. IS REP ENCOURAGED ALLIES TO SUB-
MIT NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SUCH PAPERS BY JUNE 10.
FROM NOW UNTIL JUNE 15, POLADS WILL MEET ON TUESDAYS AND
THURSDAYS. RECOMMENDATION: SEE PARA 2. END SUMMARY.

1. AT THE MAY 20 POLADS MEETING, WE DREW FULLY ON PARA 3
OF REFTEL IN COMMENTING ON FRG DRAFT "DECISION SHEET". IN
THIS CONNECTION, TURKISH REP CIRCULATED A PAPER ON ORGANI-
ZATIONAL ASPECTS OF MAIN BELGRADE MEETING (USNATO
3774 AND SEPTTEL) WHICH SEEKS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF BOTH FRG
AND US VIEWS. (COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT TURKS HAVE INCORPORA-
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TED MOST OF FRG LANGUAGE ON DURATION OF MEETING.) UK REP
FORMALLY CIRCULATED FRG "DECISION SHEET" (USNATO 2801) AS
A PAPER OF THE NINE; THE ONLY CHANGE IN THE TEXT IS IN
PARA 3, WHICH NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

---AGENDA

THE AGENDA WILL HAVE TO BE DERIVED FROM THE RELEVANT SECTION OF THE FINAL ACT WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PARTICIPATING STATES. . . DECLARE FURTHERMORE THEIR RESOLVE TO CONTINUE THE MULTILATERAL PROCESS INITIATED BY THE CONFERENCE BY PROCEEDING TO A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BOTH ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT AND OF THE TASKS DEFINED BY THE CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE QUESTIONS DEALT WITH BY THE LATTER, ON THE DEEPENING OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS, THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN EUROPE, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IN THE FUTURE. . . ." END TEXT.

2. FURTHER DRAWING ON REFTEL, WE INDICATED THAT US WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE A PAPER ON THEMES FOR USE DURING THE BELGRADE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION. UK REP SAID THE NINE WERE ALSO WORKING ON SUCH A PAPER, BUT IT WOULD NOT BE READY FOR CIRCULATION AT NATO PRIOR TO ITS APPROVAL BY EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT THEIR JUNE 14-15 MEETING. FOLLOWING THE POLADS MEETING, WE SUGGESTED TO UK REP THAT, IN INTERESTS OF AVOIDING CONFUSION AND DUPLICATION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF UK COULD CIRCULATE DRAFT OF THEMES PAPER AT NATO AS A NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION--AS GERMANS DID WITH THEIR "DECISION SHEET"--WELL AHEAD OF JUNE 14. UK REP REPLIED HE WOULD ASK LONDON ABOUT CHANCES FOR DOING THIS, BUT NOTED THAT HMG MUST TREAD VERY CAREFULLY IN SUCH MATTERS BECAUSE OF FRENCH SENSITIVITIES. (RECOMMENDATION: CONFIDENTIAL

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WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF EMBASSY LONDON COULD GENTLY FOLLOW UP OUR SUGGESTION THAT DRAFT THEMES PAPER BE CIRCULATED PROMPTLY AT NATO AS UK NATIONAL PAPER.)

3. IN COMMENTING ON POSSIBLE STRUCTURE FOR THEMES PAPERS, IS REP SOLESBY SUGGESTED THAT SUCH PAPERS MIGHT BE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

---A) STATEMENT OF A CONCEPTUAL THEME FROM BASKET I AND III(E. G., FREER MOVEMENT).

---B) DESCRIPTION OF EASTERN OBSTACLES TO IMPLEMENTATION.

---C) AT A LATER STAGE, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO HOW THE ALLIES MIGHT USE THE THEMES AT BELGRADE.

4. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF WHETHER ALLIES SHOULD FAVOR TALKING ABOUT NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AT BELGRADE, WE EXPRESSED INITIAL US RESERVATIONS ABOUT SUCH DISCUSSION PER PARA 4

OF REFTEL. NORWEGIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES SHARED THE US CONCERNS. FRG REP DID NOT RESPOND.

5. IN SUMMING UP DISCUSSION, IS REP SOLESBY SAID THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE A CONSENSUS THAT ALLIES SHOULD PREPARE FOLLOWING PAPERS:

---A)ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS OF BELGRADE MAIN MEETING (SINCE ALLIES WANT TO TABLE SUCH A PAPER DURING PREPARATORY MEETING, THIS PAPER SHOULD ENJOY FIRST PRIORITY IN NATO WORK. THE US, EC-NINE AND TURKEY HAVE MADE CONTRIBU-

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TIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.)

---B) NEW PROPOSALS (A DRAFT IS UNDER PREPARATION BY THE NINE.)

---C) THEMES (THE US AND THE NINE HAVE PROMISED CONTRIBUTIONS.)

---D) WESTERN REBUTTALS OF EASTERN CRITICISMS (TO BE PREPARED BY ITALY.)

IN THIS CONNECTION, CANADIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WERE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY FORMAT FOR THEMES SUGGESTED BY ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE (USNATO 2139). SO AS TO PERMIT ORDERLY NATO PREPARATORY WORK, SOLESBY SUGGESTED THAT ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS PAPER BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CAPITALS FOR THE OTHER PAPERS SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, BE PROVIDED BY JUNE 10. POLADS AGREED TO MEET TWICE A WEEK, ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, IN VIEW OF HEAVY CSCE WORKLOAD BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 15. NEXT POLADS DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS WILL TAKE PLACE

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